

**"A Key to the White House Conference.**—The coming follow-up of the White House Conference which will be held in California in the near future is arousing considerable interest throughout the state. One of the publications of the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection—the key volume to the whole series, entitled 'White House Conference, 1930'—tells the whole story of the conference briefly and in readable fashion. This publication contains the significant leading speeches of the conference, including those of President Hoover and Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, chairman of the conference, together with abstracts of the articles of all conference committees and the committees' recommendations. As a large edition of the book was published, it has been possible to make an attractive edition with board covers, which is available at the nominal cost of fifty cents, including postage. This book can be obtained from the office of the White House Conference, Interior Building, Washington, D. C.

"This summary volume of the White House Conference serves a real purpose in guiding the well-intentioned efforts of civic and social groups. Workers in the field of child welfare are turning to this volume as an invaluable source-book and guide."

**"Los Angeles Girl Wins State Health Essay Contest.**—The Gorgas Memorial Institute of Preventive Medicine in Washington, D. C., has announced that Miss Helen L. Gunderson of the Los Angeles High School is the winner of the state prize offered by the institute for having submitted the best California essay on the subject of 'Mosquitoes—Their Danger as a Menace to Health and the Importance of Their Control.'

"This contest was participated in by high school students from every State and the District of Columbia, and fifteen thousand manuscripts were submitted. High school winners were chosen by faculty members and a Gorgas medal and a cash award were made to each winner. From the winning high school essays the state judges selected the best state paper. Mr. Vierling Kersey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Giles S. Porter, Director of the California Department of Public Health, and Frank C. Jordan, Secretary of State, were the judges who passed upon the California essays."

## BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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### News Items, July 1932

When the legal calendar of the Board of Medical Examiners is called at Native Sons' Hall, San Francisco, at 10 a. m. Tuesday, July 12, 1932, the following licentiates are presumed to answer to complaints and citations to show cause why their licenses to practice in California should not be revoked:

Alexander, Charles B., M. D., conviction, violation Washington banking laws.  
Alexander, Isaac, M. D., U. S. Veterans' Bureau fraud.  
Armitstead, Reo B., M. D., U. S. Veterans' Bureau fraud.  
Bonaventura, Filberto, M. D., federal narcotic conviction.  
Buree, Samuel P., M. D., state narcotic conviction.  
Citron, I. Jesse, M. D., alleged narcotic violation.  
Collier, Francis, M. D., narcotic violation.  
Cooper, Burpee, M. D., state narcotic conviction.  
Dean, Charles J., M. D., federal conviction, bankruptcy laws.  
Glaeser, William Edward, M. D., U. S. Veterans' Bureau fraud.  
Kergan, J. T., M. D., narcotic violation.  
MacLauchlan, Robert, M. D., violation probation.  
McVey, Charles L., M. D., commitment.  
Niemann, Theo Henry, M. D., narcotic violation.  
Patee, Eliphalet, M. D., alleged illegal operation.  
Pullman, Maurice (chiropodist), for final judgment.  
Purcell, Edward, M. D., U. S. Veterans' Bureau fraud.  
Rinaldo, Eugene, M. D., permanent writ of prohibition reported dissolved.  
Staples, Aubrey, M. D., U. S. Veterans' Bureau fraud.

Stewart, Charles M., M. D., conviction for violation of Harrison Narcotic Act.  
Tracy, Coyle, M. D., aiding and abetting.  
Van Tassel, Fred H., M. D., U. S. Veterans' Bureau frauds.  
Vasko, John R., M. D., U. S. Veterans' Bureau frauds.  
Zachariah, Simon, M. D., narcotic violation.  
Teran, Carlos Hidalgo y, M. D., narcotic violation.

"Dr. I. Jesse Citron, found not guilty yesterday by Federal Judge William P. James of charges that he illegally prescribed large quantities of narcotics for the late Alma Rubens, motion picture actress, faces new accusations. Shortly after Judge James had made known his findings after a four-day trial without a jury and having the case under submission for two weeks, announcement was made in San Francisco by Dr. Charles B. Pinkham, secretary of the State Board of Medical Examiners, that Doctor Citron will be brought before the board July 12 for trial by a state body on the same charges. Evidence introduced in federal court will be used against the physician in the new hearing. The Harrison Narcotic Act, under which Citron was indicted on thirty-five counts and tried before Judge James, is purely a revenue measure and has no bearing on prescribing by physicians of drugs for addicts, the judge said in his decision. 'Enactment of legislation to control the amount of drugs prescribed for patients by physicians is within the power of the states. The state also has the power to license and take away licenses,' Judge James said. 'Prescribing of drugs is purely a matter of good faith on the part of the physician.' . . . Narcotic agents testified that Doctor Citron prescribed 91 grains of one drug and 135 grains of another powerful narcotic for Miss Rubens in a thirty-five day period. Miss Rubens died after a brave fight against the horrors of narcotic drugs" (Los Angeles Examiner, June 2, 1932).

According to reports, Joseph Freed on May 6, 1932, in the Municipal Court of Los Angeles, pleaded guilty to a charge of violation of the Medical Practice Act and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 or serve 125 days in the city jail, sentence being suspended, and he was placed on probation for six months.

"Dr. C. B. Alexander, well known Alhambra physician, will fight extradition to Vancouver, Washington, where he was scheduled to appear yesterday for sentence on a fraud conviction in connection with the closing of the American Security Bank. . . . Dr. Alexander was president of the now defunct bank" (Los Angeles Examiner, May 19, 1932).

Reports relate that Harrison B. Hulse, M. D., former probationer on a narcotic charge, on June 4 pleaded guilty in the Police Court of Pasadena to a charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or serve fifty days in jail. Fine paid.

"C. R. Jackson, self-styled doctor, sought here since September 30, 1930, on charges of issuing fictitious checks, is under arrest in Oakland, California, Detective Lieutenant P. J. Slattery announced today. Jackson, according to Slattery, passed bogus checks on several downtown merchants and at the State college, where he enrolled in a Spanish class. He represented himself as a doctor, Slattery said the merchants reported" (San Diego Tribune, May 11, 1932). (Previous entry, June 1931.)

"Accused of violating Section 17 of the State Medical Practice Act, L. Lee Krauss, alleged promoter of a birth control motion picture billed for Suisun tonight and Wednesday, was arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn to in Police Judge W. T. Kelly's court. . . . The film, 'No More Children,' was advertised in a local newspaper. . . . Krauss posted bail and left at once for Woodland to confer with his attorney. . . . (Vallejo Times-Herald, May 17, 1932). It is said that Krauss claims to be a graduate of the New York College of Chiropractic, 1914; also of the J. S. Riley College of Chiropractic, Washington, D. C., 1924; and is said to assert that the "Bureau of Moral and Hygiene Education, Inc.," of New York belongs to him.

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